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Note by the Secretariat

The present note is submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 62/141, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to appoint a Special Representative on violence against children for a period of three years, and requested the Special Representative to report annually to the General Assembly, the Human Rights Council and the Economic and Social Council.

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1. The Secretary-General announced on 1 May 2009 the appointment of Marta Santos Pais of Portugal as his Special Representative on violence against children at the level of Assistant Secretary-General. As recommended by the General Assembly, she will act as a high profile and independent global advocate to promote the prevention and elimination of all forms of violence against children in all regions. According to the terms of reference approved in compliance with resolution 62/141, the Special Representative will report directly to the Secretary-General. The Office of the Special Representative will be located in New York and provided with administrative support by the United Nations Children's Fund. The Special Representative will chair the Inter-Agency Working Group on Violence against Children. The position of the Special Representative, as well as the Office to support her, will be funded from voluntary contributions. In accordance with the terms of resolution 62/141, the position is established for a period of three years, after which time the mandate should be evaluated, including with regard to its funding.

2. Ms. Santos Pais is expected to take up her position in September 2009.